

REMARKS

The interview with examiner D Adamo on June 1, 2005 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's interview summary is accurate as to what transpired at the interview.

Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as indefinite for reciting "a planar front surface" for both the headrest and lower back section. These claims have been amended to recite a "headrest planar front surface" to describe the planar front surface of the headrest and a "a back planar front surface" to describe the planar front surface of the lower back section. Regarding the rejection of claim 13, "wherein the headrest includes a first side wall and a second side wall spaced-apart from the second side wall" has been amended to recite "wherein the headrest includes a first side wall and a second side wall spaced-apart from the first side wall" as suggested in the office action. The suggestion is appreciated.

As discussed at the interview claims 1-29 avoid the rejection and objection for indefiniteness.

Claims 30-36 and 46 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

As discussed at the interview claims 1 and 60 avoid the prior art of record which does not teach or suggest a lower back section having a width and upper back section extending across the entire width as described in these claims.

Claim 37 recites, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 112, 6th paragraph, means for permitting and preventing, whereas the screws 22 in the Kain patent (U.S. No. 6,464,294) do not function in the same way as applicant's disclosed tab 176 which springs back (specification page 10, line 24) to permit the claimed function of permitting removal of the headrest and preventing the headrest from being removed from the lower back section as recited in claim 37.

As agreed at the interview the prior art does not teach or suggest a tab coupled to the headrest and movable as recited in claim 40.

Claim 54 was discussed and it was agreed that the prior art does not teach or suggest a height-adjustment mechanism located outside of a space provided between the forwardly facing surface of the seat back and the rearwardly facing surface of the headrest as recited in claim 54.

Objected to claims have been amended to be in independent form.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 1-29, 37-45 and 47-68) are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

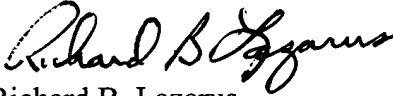
If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

A check for \$500 for one additional independent claims and six additional total claims is enclosed.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20341-73172).

Respectfully submitted,

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